



Atty. Dkt. 213222.00039

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
WILLIAM M. SNELGROVE, ET AL.	)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/787,759	)	Group Art Unit: NYA
Filed: March 22, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 7541
For: TELECOMMUNICATION	)	December 10, 2002
SERVICES	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**DECLARATION OF RICHARD P. BAUER**  
**UNDER 1156 O.G. 53**

Sir:

I, RICHARD P. BAUER, declare and say that:

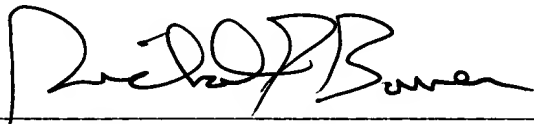
1. I am an attorney in the law firm of KATTEN  
MUCHIN ZAVIS ROSENMAN, 525 West Monroe Street, Suite 1600,  
Chicago, Illinois 60661-3693, and I am an attorney of record  
in the above-identified application. I am the practitioner  
who is primarily responsible for prosecution of the subject  
patent application.

2. On December 6, 2002, I received from the PTO a Notice of Abandonment, dated November 19, 2002, stating that the subject application was abandoned by Applicants' failure to respond to the PTO Notice of Missing Requirements purportedly mailed April 17, 2001.

3. The PTO Notice of Missing Requirements purportedly mailed April 17, 2001, was not received. To attest to this fact, I have personally searched the file jacket of the subject application and found no record of any such Notice of Missing Requirements. In addition, attached herewith are the docket records for KATTEN MUCHIN ZAVIS ROSENMAN indicating that the Notice of Missing Requirements purportedly mailed April 17, 2001, was not received. The docket record is the record where the non-received Notice of Missing Requirements would have been entered had it been received and docketed, i.e., June 17, 2001 - two months from the mailing date. Note that the Serial Numbers from this docket record have been deleted for purposes of confidentiality. Nevertheless, it can be ascertained that the docket number of the subject application (**13222.00039**) has no entry for June 17, 2001.

4. Accordingly, after a personal search of the file jacket and docket records, I conclude that the Notice of Missing Requirements purportedly mailed April 17, 2001 was never received by Applicants' representatives.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title XVIII of United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.



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Date: December 10, 2002